



# St Mary's C of E Primary School

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## Newsletter—week ending 16th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### DROP OFF TIME

Back to our original, normal school start time for everyone.

### **8.45am Morning drop after half term**

To ease pressure for working parents and because school pick up has worked so well we are able to change our morning drop off to 8.45am for all just like it used to be. You may also choose the gate you come through. We hope you find this helpful and this will start on the first day back after half term. Please continue to wear your masks whenever on school site. It will be the same one way operation in the mornings which require you to continue to drop and go. YR and YN parents please continue to drop your children directly to the classroom doors.

### OPEN DAY

Thank you so much for all of the great comments about the Open day video! We are so glad you all like it. Please do direct new families to our school website or the St Mary's YouTube link [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLKxnidaIE\\_5SHUvcHaeHDQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLKxnidaIE_5SHUvcHaeHDQ/videos) to watch our video. If you know anyone who is interested in a place next September, please do ask them to contact the school office.

### ISOLATING BUBBLES

Well done Elephants, Panthers and Cheetahs for being super learners at home and well done parents for juggling it all to make it possible. We appreciate how tough it is and are very thankful for how supportive you are as parents of the children's learning. If you ever have any issues with drop off, pick up, technology or juggling having a child at home in isolation, please do let me know so we can work with you to hopefully find a helpful solution.

### STAR BUCKET

This week, we have launched our star bucket again but instead of children visiting my room with their reward stars, they are placing them in the year group boxes outside of the office. We are looking forward to seeing which year group earns the most behaviour reward stars and receives their reward at the end of next week. We are looking for good manners, good listening, great learning attitude and behaviour choices.

### HOME LEARNING SUPPORT

Tanya who is part of our pastoral support team, has been visiting all classes to introduce herself to the children which she and the children have really enjoyed. As we are unable to run parent information sessions on site I asked Tanya to create some online workshops for parents to watch at their leisure at home. Please do take the time to watch the videos below in your own time and she is here to answer any questions you may have. We hope you find them helpful. These can also be found on our school website.

Session 1

<https://www.loom.com/share/0d9ec85e071e42e9bdf19e06286eb05a>

Session 2

<https://www.loom.com/share/131e2d126cf34147ad654cd149a91114>

Session 3

<https://www.loom.com/share/88f5ca7055e5403daa5867994edcde3f>

## **LOCKDOWN**

I am sure you have heard like us that another lockdown is being discussed in the media. We have been planning for this since September and we have heard back from all parents needing a keyworker place. We are ready for whatever the future may hold with our bubbles of 15 and staffing all in place. All parents of keyworker families and vulnerable children will be receiving a letter on Monday to confirm their place here at school in the event of a lockdown.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision#vulnerable-children-and-young-people>

Key facts in case of a **lockdown**:

- We will be in contact through the school email to notify you of any announcements over half term
- School will be open to keyworker and vulnerable children only
- All children are expected to access the full day of learning at home which has been and will continue to be on the school website under your class pages. We have communicated about home learning previously but if you have any questions with regards to how this will work please do ask your class teacher at parents evening next week
- All work to be submitted by 3.30pm each day
- For those children in school the school day will remain the same - 8.45am drop off and 3.00pm pick up, following the same systems that are in place now

Fingers crossed we will not find ourselves in a lockdown but we are well prepared if it happens.

I hope you have a great weekend.

Mrs Jacquie Chambers



## **Elmbridge moves to Tier 2 of Government's new local COVID alert level**

Further to the email sent this morning to colleagues in Elmbridge, we can now confirm that the Secretary of State for Health, Matt Hancock, has now confirmed in a statement to the House of Commons today (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October) that Elmbridge will move to Tier 2 of the Government's new three-tier system of COVID alert levels. The change will be implemented from **00:01hrs Sunday 18th October**.

This is the final statement that has now been published:

It has been announced that Elmbridge Borough will move into Tier 2 of the Government's new three-tier system for England, meaning they are now deemed an area of **HIGH** risk.

**The change will be implemented from 00:01hrs on Sunday 18th October.**

Under the country's new Local Covid Alert Level system, Tier 2 is for areas with a higher rate of infections and means some additional restrictions will be necessary to slow the spread of the virus. This primarily aims to reduce household to household transmission by preventing all mixing between households or support bubbles indoors. The Rule of Six will apply in outdoor spaces, including private gardens.

The new restrictions for Elmbridge Borough will include:

- no socialising with people you don't live with, or who aren't in your support bubble, in any indoor setting
- the rule of 6 still applies outdoors, including private gardens, beaches or parks

This is in addition to national restrictions already in place on wearing face coverings, social distancing, and working from home when possible. If you can't work from home you should walk or cycle where possible, or try to avoid busy times on public transport.

[Find out more about the measures that apply in high alert level areas to help reduce the spread of COVID-19](#)

Information on the new local COVID alert levels, Medium, High and Very High, including what they mean in terms of what you can and can't do and why they are being introduced. <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Residents can check what the current alert level is in their area here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/full-list-of-local-covid-alert-levels-by-area>

### Absences

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office each day to update us.

**If your child is absent due to COVID symptoms or isolating due to a family member awaiting test results, please let us know the results as soon as these are received.**

We thank you for your support.

### St Mary's PTA & Friends

We have a school lottery. The tickets are just £1 each a week and you can purchase as many as you like. We are guaranteed a winner from our school each week, the more participants the bigger the prize. Once you have signed up and have purchased a ticket you are also in with a chance of winning £25,000 a week.

We have already raised £235.60 since we started it up in April.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-marys-byfleet-pta-and-friends>

The PTA are in the process of starting up a used uniform website. We are looking for donations throughout the year of any good quality uniform you do not need anymore. There will now be a box in the school office that you can put any items in you would like to donate.

Unfortunately we are not able to do the used uniform stall at the school at the moment due to Covid 19 restrictions, so if you are in need of any uniform in the mean time please get in contact with the PTA and we will help as best we can

Did you know there are 2 ways you can support St Mary's and the PTA when you are doing your online shopping?! Both of these links will donate to us when you purchase something through them, at no extra cost to you. Below are the links to both platforms we are a part of:

Amazon Smile:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1104164-0>

Easy fundraising:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysbyfleetpta/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=c19-f2](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysbyfleetpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=c19-f2)



*St Mary's Byfleet*  
**PTA & Friends**

# CORONAVIRUS

5 things you can do to help  
yourself and your community



## Children in Need



Children in Need is the BBC's UK charity. Since 1980 it has raised over £1 billion for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. This year, Children in Need is on Friday 13th November. In order to support this fantastic charity and the work that they do, all children are invited to wear Mufti on this day with a donation of £1 to be brought to their classroom to be collected.

We look forward to seeing you dressed in Mufti and maybe wearing some spots too!

Thank you for your support,

St. Mary's School Council

## Parents Evenings

Please don't forget to make your Parents Evenings appointments for next week.

A copy of the letter sent out Monday can be found on the website.

<https://stmarysbyfleet.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Bookings close Monday 19th October at 12 noon.

## Pupil Premium Funding

We understand that financial situations may have changed significantly for some families with the current COVID-19 situation. As a school we are able to support our pupil premium families. Should your family find themselves having to self-isolate and if you are in receipt of Pupil Premium Free School Meals, please contact the school office as school caterers Twelve15 are offering weekly food goody bags.

Please note this does not apply to Universal Free School Meals.

If you think that you may be eligible for the support please email: [info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk) at your earliest convenience providing your National Insurance Number (each parent if applicable) and your permission for us to check your eligibility on your behalf. Please see application form for details required. This can be found on our website, alternatively we can email a copy to you.

We would love to support you if we can!

### **Criteria of Eligibility for Pupil Premium – Do either parent’s receive any of the following?**

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker’s Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190- **N.B. If you receive Working Tax Credit you DO NOT qualify even if you receive Child Tax Credit and your income is below £16,190**
- Working Tax Credit ‘run on’ – Paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit.
- Looked After Children (LAC), ie in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority.
- If your child ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangement order or a residence order?
- If either or both parents are regular members of HM Forces?

**Application for Pupil Premium will not affect any financial support you are already receiving.**

# Zoom Playtime Coffee Morning

Come join us online via Zoom to find out about Woking Family Centre, and what support we can offer to you and your family. Get more information on future playtime sessions.

Hosted by Donna – Woking Family Centre

Yvette – Woking Family Centre

Ian - Homestart



Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 at 9.30 – 10.30am

Zoom meeting ID: 862 8927 2527

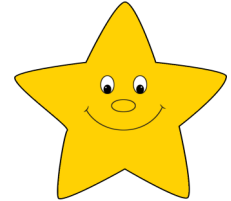
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Look forward to seeing you!





## Star of the Week



Moles: Tahaa - for independently exploring the environment.

Sophie - for showing a great understanding of our classroom rules.

Rabbits: Bella - for always being so confident, kind and enthusiastic about learning.

Hedgehogs: Daniel - for being such a kind and caring friend.

Cheetahs: Rufus - for your amazing home learning during isolation, you have been working so hard!

Panthers: Oliver - for your outstanding commitment to our home learning this week, and producing some fantastic work!

Lions: Hussain - for always trying your best and showing a great attitude towards learning.

Tigers: Damon - for always sharing lovely facts and ideas in class as well as being a superstar Bug Club reader!

Polar Bears: Ginevra - for always being so helpful and trying her best in every lesson.

Pandas: Lily M - for having a fantastic attitude towards her learning. Well done!

Hippos: Freya B - for her thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Elephants: Iman - for always putting 110% effort into all her work and for always doing it with a smile!

Kangaroos: Rosie - for working incredibly hard in every lesson, always striving to do her best.

Giraffes: Zac - for always being incredibly considerate and helpful in class.

Chimps: Martin - for working so hard in every subject – your explanations are always so well thought out!

Lemurs: Ellie - for focusing incredibly hard in all areas of her learning (but especially Maths!) this week - well done!

### TTRS Superstars

Year 2: Sam - Lions

Lena - Lions

Mustafa - Tigers

Year 3 & 4: Anna - Elephants

Evan - Elephants

Charlie G - Hippos

Year 5 & 6: Lucy - Giraffes

Noah - Lemurs

Ellie - Lemurs



## Dates for your Diary

### (New dates in bold)

<b>20 &amp; 22.10.20</b>	Parents Evening
<b>21.10.20</b>	Parents Evening MOLES ONLY
26 - 30.10.20	Half Term
<b>13.10.20</b>	<b>Children in Need—Mufti Day</b>
08 & 09.12.20	Flu Immunisations
18.12.20	End of Term - 1pm finish
04.01.21	INSET Day
05.01.21	Start of Spring Term
10.02.21	Individual School Photographs (date changed from 2/2/21)